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Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

37. A method comprising the steps of:

providing a switch assembly including a first elongated switch element, a second switch element disposed in spaced relationship to the first element and a shiftable body movable between a first position in simultaneous contact with said first and second switch elements, and a second position out of said simultaneous contact;

using a magnetic field of sufficient strength to maintain said body in one of said first and second positions; and

magnetically shifting the body to the other of first and second positions in response to a change of magnetic condition proximal to the switch assembly.

38. The method of claim 37, including the step of mounting said switch assembly on a first member, said change of condition comprising moving a second member relative to the first member.

39. The method of claim 38, said second member being equipped with a magnet, said magnetic moving step occurring by virtue of the magnetic attraction between said body and said second member magnet.